

MOBIL CERRO NEGRO, LTD.  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
PDVSA CERRO NEGRO S.A.  
Defendant.

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT  
OF MOTION TO ADMIT  
HOWARD H. STAHL  
PRO HAC VICE

1. I am a member of the Bar of this Court and of the firm of Steptoe & Johnson LLP.

I make this affidavit in support of plaintiff Mobil Cerro Negro Ltd.'s motion for the admission of Howard H. Stahl, Esq. to practice *pro hac vice* as counsel for Plaintiff in the above-captioned case.

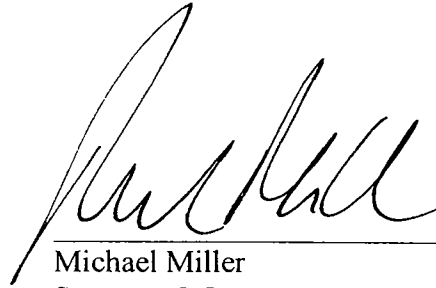
3. In addition, I have worked with Mr. Stahl and I can personally attest that he is competent and of good character.

4. There are no pending disciplinary proceedings against Mr. Stahl in any State or Federal Court.

5. Wherefore, I respectfully request that Howard H. Stahl, Esq., be admitted to practice *pro hac vice* as counsel for plaintiff Mobil Cerro Negro Ltd. in the above-captioned case.

6. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C.A. §1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed: December 27, 2007  
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Miller", is written over a horizontal line.

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# **EXHIBIT 1**



District of Columbia Court of Appeals  
Committee on Admissions  
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I, GARLAND PINKSTON, JR., Clerk of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, do hereby certify that

HOWARD H. STAHL

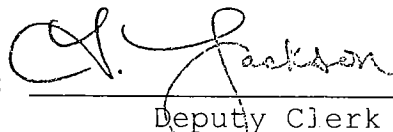
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was on the 16<sup>TH</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 1973

duly qualified and admitted as an attorney and counselor and entitled to practice before this Court and is, on the date indicated below, an active member in good standing of this Bar.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of this Court at the City of Washington, D.C., on December 20, 2007.

GARLAND PINKSTON, JR., CLERK

By:   
Deputy Clerk